

September 14, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS UNDER THE JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK
GRANT PROGRAM (ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the District Attorney, Public Defender, and Chief Probation Officer to accept grant funds, on behalf of the County, allocated by the California Board of Corrections (BOC) under the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG), in the amount of \$1,606,000. Also accept the additional amount of \$774,000, being released by 42 cities in the County to the District Attorney for exclusive use toward programs promoting greater accountability of juveniles in the justice system for a total JABG award of \$2,380,000.
2. Authorize the District Attorney, Public Defender, and Chief Probation Officer, or their respective designees, to serve as Project Director for their respective programs and to execute, on behalf of the County, the grant award agreement and any required extensions, revisions, or amendments.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the program is to promote greater accountability of juveniles in the juvenile justice system and to hold juvenile offenders accountable for their criminal activities. The BOC supports this continuing effort by coordinating JABG grant funds for State and local government agencies. Grants are allocated based upon the local jurisdiction's crime index and law enforcement expenditures. This is the sixth year of the JABG program. The current program funding cycle covers July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

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In accordance with granting agency requirements, on May 6, 2004, the Chief Administrative Office (CAO) convened a meeting of the JABG Regional Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition (RJCEC) comprised of representatives from various juvenile justice agencies to consider and recommend allocation of the \$1,606,000 JABG funds earmarked for the County. The County's 2004 JABG application was filed with the BOC on June 11, 2004. A Board approved Resolution authorizing acceptance of the grant funds is required by the BOC in order for the funds to be released to the County.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These JABG programs are consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 1, Service Excellence, to provide quality public service; Goal No. 3, Organizational Effectiveness, to enhance organizational effectiveness across jurisdictional boundaries; Goal No. 4, Fiscal Responsibility, to secure available revenue sources at the Federal level; and Goal No. 5, Children and Families' Well-Being to promote the social and emotional well-being of minors and families in the community.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Los Angeles County's 2004 JABG allocation is \$1,606,000 which is 23 percent less than the prior year. The funds awarded by the BOC provide 90 percent of the program costs with participating departments absorbing the required 10 percent match. Funding has been included in the 2004-05 Budget for the programs detailed in Attachment I.

Should funding for these programs be terminated, an evaluation will be conducted to determine if the programs could either be continued with costs absorbed by the participating departments, or discontinued with the reallocation of staff to vacant-budgeted positions.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

JABG was originally enacted as part of Title III of H.R. 3, Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Act of 1997. The Department of Justice (DOJ) Authorization Act for Federal Fiscal Year 2003 (Public Law 107-273), signed into law in November 2002, placed the JABG program under Title II of the Federal Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act.

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The JABG Regional Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition (RJCEC) consists of the CAO, Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court, Sheriff, District Attorney, Chief Probation Officer, Public Defender, County Superintendent of Schools, Chief of County Safety Police, Chair of the Workforce Investment Board, and Protection & Advocacy, Inc.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Due to the 23 percent grant funding reduction, program funding is reduced as follows: \$490,000 resulting in the loss of 3.0 deputy district attorney positions for the Senior Prosecutor Program. This funding allocation was recommended by the RJCEC and has been reviewed and cleared by affected County departments regarding service level impact.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, it is requested that the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board return four (4) original signature copies of the adopted Resolution to this office.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID E. JANSSEN
Chief Administrative Officer

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RMG:lbn

Attachments (2)

c: District Attorney
County Counsel
Chief Probation Officer
Public Defender

ATTACHMENT I

COUNTY JABG FUNDS

The District Attorney, Public Defender, and Probation Department are the County agencies participating in JABG. Each of the participating County agencies will use the grant funds to continue the following programs:

District Attorney

\$ 469,000

- **Senior Prosecutor Program (SEP)** to improve the quality and timeliness of juvenile prosecutions through the assignment of two (2.0) senior prosecutors who are experienced felony trial deputy district attorneys to the Pasadena and Pomona Juvenile Courts. \$454,000
- **Legal Education and Decision-making (Project LEAD)** law-based curriculum for school-age youth taught throughout the County by volunteer deputy district attorneys and investigators. JABG funds cover the cost for field trips to the Museum of Tolerance and Los Padrinos Juvenile Court. Project LEAD will target 350 school-age youth. \$15,000

Public Defender

\$ 894,000

- **Client Assessment Recommendation Evaluation (C.A.R.E.)** Project strategically integrates psychiatric social workers and resource specialist attorneys into the defense teams at the ten Juvenile Courts to help identify and refer juvenile clients who appear to have psycho-social, mental health, substance abuse problems, and learning disabilities to the C.A.R.E. Project psychiatric social workers who provide social work services. C.A.R.E. Project services include identifying services and programs to meet the minor's needs, assisting in initiating early intervention of needed services, providing client support during the court process, and developing recommendations for disposition plans and conditions of probation in difficult cases. The Project will serve 1,200 juvenile clients during the grant period. (14.0 positions)

Probation

\$ 243,000

- **WIN** accountability-based program for high-risk juvenile offenders, ages 16 to 18, retains juvenile offenders on probation, under court order, until they achieve high school graduation or GED certification. This program provides enhanced academic assistance and intensive case management, using the leverage of continued probation supervision with graduated sanctions as an incentive to achieve results. The goal of the WIN Program is to serve 100 juvenile probationers attending one of the five identified Los Angeles Unified School District High Schools, one in each County Supervisorial District. (2.5 positions)

Total JABG Award

\$ 1,606,000

Ten percent County Match

161,000

Total Program Cost

\$ 1,767,000

JABG CITY FUNDS

Released to the District Attorney

- **Special Projects Vertical Prosecution (Formerly WIC 707)** to provide intensive vertical prosecution by having 4.0 deputy district attorneys handle selected cases through adjudication and monitor juvenile probation. Deputy district attorneys will work closely with local law enforcement in the thirty local communities, served by the Pomona, Los Padrinos, Pasadena, Compton, Inglewood, and Sylmar Juvenile Courts, which released their JABG funds to the County for this program.
\$ 511,000
- **Heightened Enforcement and Targeting (HEAT)** to target the prosecution of gang crime and serious violent felony crimes through the assignment of 1.0 experienced deputy district attorney to Long Beach Juvenile Court using Long Beach City JABG funds released to the County for this program. **\$ 150,000**
- **Abolish Chronic Truancy (ACT)** program to provide truancy abatement in elementary schools using 1.0 Hearing Officer to educate and counsel parents

regarding their responsibility to abide by compulsory education laws. This program is funded by seven cities that have released JABG funds for this purpose. \$ 100,000

- **Strategies Against Gang Environments (SAGE)**, a community prosecution program providing intensive youth anti-gang and anti-drug peer mentoring in the "Lower Uptown" area of the City of Whittier using JABG funds released for this purpose. \$ 13,000

City Funds Total	\$ 774,000
10% Match (District Attorney)	<u>77,000</u>
Total Program Cost	\$ 851,000

TOTAL PROGRAM COST

Total County JABG Award	\$1,606,000
Total City JABG Award	774,000
10 percent County Match	District Attorney 47,000
	District Attorney - City 77,000
	Public Defender 90,000
	Probation <u>\$ 24,000</u>
TOTAL PROGRAM COST	\$2,618,000

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

RESOLUTION

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER TO

ACCEPT FUNDING ALLOCATED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, BOARD OF CORRECTIONS (BOC), FOR THE JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT (JABG) PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles is charged with providing vital services in areas of law enforcement and adult and juvenile justice to a population in excess of nine million people; and

WHEREAS, the County, through the Los Angeles County District Attorney, Public Defender, and Chief Probation Officer desires to participate in the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Corrections has awarded grant funds to the County and to forty-two cities in the County of Los Angeles that have released their JABG funds to the County to be used exclusively for juvenile accountability programs provided by the District Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to authorize the District Attorney, Public Defender, and Chief Probation Officer to accept funding as it becomes available and execute the Grant Award Agreement on behalf of the County of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to authorize the District Attorney, Public Defender, and Chief Probation Officer or their designees, to serve as Project Directors on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, to perform all necessary tasks to complete the projects including progress reports and payment requests, and to sign any extensions, revisions or amendments to the Grant Award Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby agrees to accept JABG grant awards from the Board of Corrections and from 42 cities, and authorizes the participation of the County of Los Angeles through its District Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, and Probation Department in the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the District Attorney, Public Defender, and Chief Probation Officer to serve as Project Directors of their respective programs and to sign and execute the Grant Award Agreement, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, for acceptance of JABG funding and to perform all further tasks necessary for the completion of the project, including the execution and submission of amendments, progress reports and payment requests for the Grant Award Agreement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles agrees not to use the aforementioned grant funds to supplant local expenditures controlled by this body;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles, through its District Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, and Probation Department agrees to provide all matching funds required for this project (including any amendment thereof) under the Program and the funding terms and conditions of the BOC and that the match will be appropriated as required;

IT IS AGREED that any liability arising out of the performance of this Grant Award Agreement, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant recipient(s) and the authorizing agency. The State of

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California and the Board of Corrections disclaim responsibility for any such liability.

The foregoing resolution was on the ____ day of _____, 2004, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing district, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

Ayes:
Noes:
Absent:

**VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles**

**By _____
Deputy**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:
OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL**

By _____

GORDON TRASK
Principal County Counsel

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